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Concurrent Session

New Adolescent Vaccines: Legal and Legislative Issues

Wednesday, June 14, 2006
8:45-10:15 am

Moderator: Lance Rodewald, MD, Director, Immunization Services Division, National Immunization Program, CDC, Atlanta, GA

Panel: Allen Craig, MD, State Epidemiologist, Tennessee Dept. of Health, Nashville, TN

Abigail English, JD, Director, Center for Adolescent Health & the Law, Chapel Hill, NC

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Session Purpose:

Recently, two new vaccines have been approved for routine administration to adolescents in the United States: tetanus toxoid, reduced diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine (Tdap), and tetravalent meningococcal polysaccharide-protein conjugate vaccine (MCV4). A third vaccine for use among adolescents (in addition to other age groups), human papillomavirus (HPV) recombinant vaccine, is likely to be licensed in June 2006. This session will address state legal and legislative issues surrounding the introduction of new vaccines for adolescents in the United States. Many childhood vaccines are required by state law for entry into school. States must decide whether to add the new adolescent vaccines to their school entry vaccination requirements.

Dr. Rodewald will describe the new adolescent vaccines, their uses, indications, and public health profiles. Dr. Shaw will discuss the law of state school entry vaccination requirements. Ms. English will explain the applicability of state minor consent laws for adolescent vaccines, and Dr. Craig will discuss real-world considerations for using state school entry laws to raise vaccine coverage.

Learning Objectives:

By the close of this session, conference participants will be able to:

- List the main characteristics of new adolescent vaccines;
- Describe the practical legal considerations surrounding the introduction of new adolescent vaccines in the states; and

- Discuss the applicability of state laws regarding minor's consent for adolescent vaccines.

Session Convener:

The Public Health Law Program, CDC

Resource Materials:

James G. Hodge, Jr. & Lawrence O. Gostin, *School Vaccination Requirements: Historical, Social, and Legal Perspectives*, 90 Kentucky Law Journal 831 (2001/2002)

Walter A. Orenstein & Alan R. Hinman, *The Immunization System in the United States – the Role of School Immunization Laws*, 17 Suppl. Vaccine S19 (1999).